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NEW CRUSADERS: DARK TOMORROW

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Archie Comics titles are generally perceived to be upbeat and light-hearted—but those who have been reading the company's newer offerings are acutely aware that general perceptions can be misleading. ***Life With Archie,*** with its dual tales of possible futures in which Archie is married to either Betty or Veronica, deals with real-world problems of finances, personal conflicts, career challenges, and more. But that's nothing compared to ***New Crusaders,*** which brought death to the world of the Red Circle heroes at the end of the first miniseries, ***Rise of the Heroes***. And now the next generation of heroes has to deal with the aftermath in ***New Crusaders: Dark Tomorrow.***

Mention the Red Circle heroes and many readers think of those veteran characters from the Golden and Silver Ages. Those characters aren't the stars of ***New Crusaders,*** however—the emphasis is on the "new". "These are the next generation, the kids and protégés of the original heroes," writer *Ian Flynn* told ***CSN.*** "This is the story of how the new kids learn of the legacies they've been born into, and how they deal with it."

"***New Crusaders*** is about a new generation of super heroes thrust into the world before their time," Archie Executive Director of Editorial *Paul Kaminski* added. "It's about them accepting and/or confronting their mantles of those Silver and Golden age heroes that came before, and how they balance honoring those legacies while still being their own heroes for their own age."

Why go with the next generation of heroes rather than the original characters? "This the kind of reboot we were all interested in seeing as fans of the medium—a story that was able to start fresh while still keeping seventy years of continuity intact," Kaminski explained. "We've got a great appreciation for those classic Red Circle comics, most of which predate the heroes of Marvel and DC Comics.

Superhero fans might be surprised to see the art of *Phil Jimenez* gracing the cover of ***New Crusaders: Dark Tomorrow #1.*** How'd Archie convince him to join the team? Are there other artistic surprises forthcoming on future covers? "Phil and I had been talking for a little while about a cover for him on ***New Crusaders***, especially after his incredible work on the ***Life With Archie #16*** convention exclusive cover last year," Kaminski said. "I was actually a student of Phil's at the School of Visual Arts, so I was really jazzed to get the opportunity to work with him on a Red Circle project.

"As it turned out, the timing was right for this first issue to hit and Phil promptly knocked it out of the park! After that amazing cover I couldn't help but ask, "could you do *two*?" and from there we developed the idea for the throwback variant for ***New Crusaders: Dark Tomorrow #1*** – which is just *so* cool. We've got an all-star lineup coming up for the remainder of ***Dark Tomorrow***, including *Mike Norton, Tim Seeley, Sergio Cariello, Dennis Calero, Tristan Jones*, and *Dave Devries*, to name but a few!"

As was the case with the first ***New Crusaders*** series, ***New Crusaders: Dark Tomorrow*** will tell its story in the course of a six-issue limited series. "The six-issue limited series format will allow us to pace out the long-form story just as writer Ian Flynn has crafted it over time, and that story is intense," Kaminski said.

Red Circle Comics President *Mike Pellerito* is confident that fans who try the book are going to be hooked. "Not only is it filled with suspense, mystery and intrigue, but it's not a dream or an imaginary tale. ***Dark Tomorrow*** is a tale only the radical Red Circle would attempt! Plus, it's still only $2.99! But in all seriousness, we couldn't be more excited for this story to kick off and take our readers on a new journey with these characters we've all grown to love with a passion."

Archie Sees Bright Future for Dark Tomorrow

"***New Crusaders: Rise of the Heroes*** showed us that those heroes from the '40s, '50s and beyond still existed—they had simply retired and had kids by this point. The New Crusaders are born out of them, so we can effectively reinvent the Red Circle pantheon without losing all that came before. New readers don't need to know a thing. Veteran readers will definitely pick up on nuances and nods, but the story is about the new characters—the teens thrust into this crazy world of super heroes and villains. As Ian has put it, 'their journey is the reader's journey.'"

"It allowed us to take a new, fresh approach to the properties while remaining true to the old canon," Flynn added. "There are a lot of fans of the old Red Circle books from the '60s and '80s, and they've appreciated that this is a continuation of the books they loved rather than a slap-dash reboot."

"***New Crusaders: Dark Tomorrow*** picks up exactly where ***Rise of the Heroes*** left off, with the kids still reeling from the traumatic prison riot," Kaminski continued. "This new series will introduce some new characters to the team, and some familiar faces to the Red Circle universe will be back as well.

"***Dark Tomorrow*** will take our kids back to normal high school, where they begin to juggle their super hero identities with the normal trials of high school life. We will also finally learn the answers to the burning questions surrounding the disappearance of Mr. Justice, and just what the deal is with this 'blue ribbon.' Get ready for a wild ride from here!"

Archie had been out of the super hero genre for a long while prior to the launch of ***New Crusaders.*** What motivated the company to return to superhero publishing rather than licensing the characters out to others, as they've done in the past? "We had the team *and* the opportunity," Flynn said. "The Mighty Crusaders never really took off under anyone else's brand, so it was time to bring them home and do things right."

"Yeah—there's no place like home!" Kaminski added.

While the first ***New Crusaders*** series was a digital-first project, ***New Crusaders: Dark Tomorrow*** will return to Archie's simultaneous-release norm. "With stories as exciting and dynamic as Ian is writing, the digital-to-print lag time could be creating spoilers for the fans picking up ***New Crusaders*** at their local comic shop," Kaminski said. "The last thing we want to do is spoil anything for anyone, so now everyone gets the issues at the same time, it's all even-steven."

New Crusaders: Dark Tomorrow #1, a $2.99 comic by *Ian Flynn & Alitha Martinez*, is scheduled for May 1st release. The first issue will feature cover art by *Phil Jimenez*, with a variant cover by *Ben Bates*.

by Cliff Biggers

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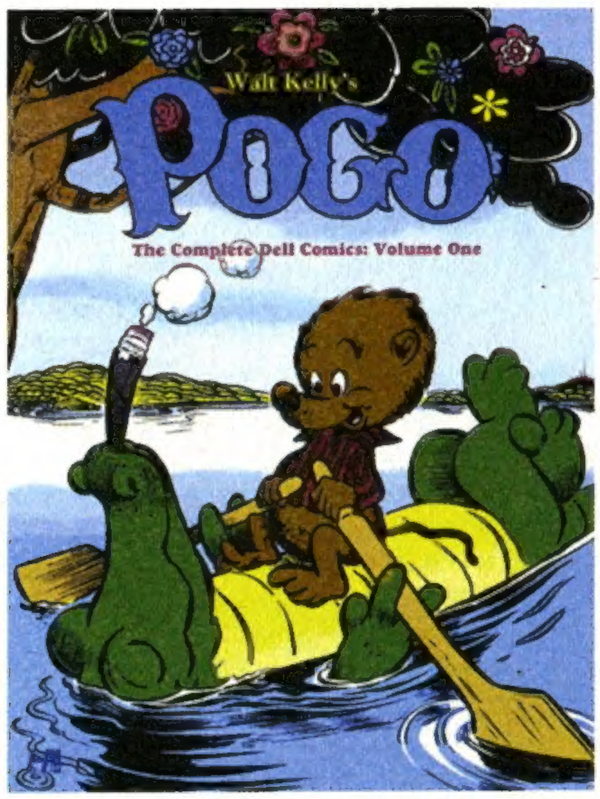

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•Hermes Press has announced plans to reprint *Walt Kelly's* ***Pogo*** comic books in a three-volume hardcover set that deserves a place on any classic comics connoisseur's bookshelf alongside Fantagraphics' ***Pogo Complete Syndicated Strips Volume 1 HC***. The first Hermes volume, slated for release this summer, will reprint all of the ***Animal Comics*** Pogo tales as well as the Pogo issues of ***Dell Four Color.*** Later volumes will reprint the entirety of Dell's ***Pogo Possum*** run. Each volume will supplement the reprint material with essays and other supplemental material. Look for ***Walk Kelly's Pogo: The Complete Dell Comics Volume 1 HC*** in July.

•Elsewhere in this issue, ***CSN*** includes info about IDW's first DC comic strip collection, ***Superman: The Silver Age Newspaper Dailies Volume 1.*** That's the first of three DC heroes whose comic strips will be collected, however: IDW also has plans for comprehensive collections of ***Batman*** and ***Wonder Woman*** comic strips. The ***Batman*** collections will include the Golden Age strips as well as the Silver age strips inspired by the popularity of the *Adam West* ***Batman*** television series and the 1989-91 strip that followed on the success of the *Tim Burton* ***Batman*** film. ***Wonder Woman*** will include the short-lived strip that ran for one year during the Golden Age.

•Alas, DC's ***Insurgent*** miniseries will now be remembered as ***Incomplete:*** DC has announced that ***Insurgent #s 4 & 5*** have been cancelled and will not be published.

Coming Comics—DC in June

Superman is betrayed by his own DNA in ***Action Comics #21*** by *Andy Diggle, Tony S. Daniel, & Batt*. And in the backup story, *Scott Lobdell & Philip Tan* present The New 52 origin of The Parasite.

The Old West meets The New 52 as Jonah Hex visits the 21st century in ***All-Star Western #21*** by *Justin Gray, Jimmy Palmiotti, & Moritat.*

"Splinter Species" begins in *Jeff Lemire & Steve Pugh's* ***Animal Man #21*** as Buddy's grief and increasing celebrity threaten to tear him apart.

Aquaman uncovers a shocking secret in *Geoff Johns & Paul Pelletier's* ***Aquaman #21*** that could change everything Arthur's ever known about the Seven Seas! Meanwhile, the armies of the Dead King continue to amass as turmoil within Atlantis mounts, threatening Arthur's leadership.

Batgirl's chilling battle against the new Ventriloquist continues in ***Batgirl #21*** by *Gail Simone, Fernando Pasarin, & Jonathan Glapion*—but has Barbara gone too far? How can she carry on as Batgirl?

Scott Snyder, Greg Capullo, & Danny Miki present the New 52 origin of The Dark Knight in ***Batman #21,*** which kicks off "Batman: Zero Year." Twists and turns are around every corner as Bruce Wayne takes the final steps toward his destiny!

What deal would you make to bring someone back from the dead? That's the question that *Peter Tomasi, Patrick Gleason, & Mick Gray* address in ***Batman & Batgirl #21.*** And in this issue, it's Batman vs. Batgirl!

Gregg Hurwitz & Ethan Van Sciver present the grand finale to the origin of The Mad Hatter in ***Batman: The Dark Knight #21*** as Batman's quest for vengeance reaches its conclusion.

Leviathan and the Heretic are on the ropes in ***Batman, Incorporated #12*** by *Grant Morrison & Chris Burnham;* could Batman be on the verge of avenging all he's lost?

In the aftermath of the

Medusa ordeal, Killer Croc is rescued by a mysterious cult...but what connection do they have with Batwoman, and why do they need to see her die? *JH Williams III, W. Haden Blackman, Francisco Francavilla* answer those questions in ***Batwoman #21.***

The world's finest superteam is back in action in ***Batman/Superman #1*** by *Greg Pak & Jae Lee.* Don't miss the first fateful meeting of Batman and Superman in The New 52!

The Birds are forced to work with Calvin Rose in order to protect one of their own in ***Birds of Prey #21*** by *Christy Marx & Romano Molenaar,* which continues into ***Talon #9.***

Catwoman and the Penguin declare war on each other in ***Catwoman #21*** by *Ann Nocenti, Rafa Sandoval, & Jordi Tarragona*—and Gotham City is set to burn in their wake!

In ***Constantine #4,*** *Jeff Lemire, Ray Fawkes, & Renato Guedes* present a typical day in the life of John Constantine: thieving, lying, shagging, and allying himself with a major enemy in order to fight a greater threat!

The Knights are ready to complete their mission in ***Demon Knights #21*** by *Robert Venditti & Chad Hardin*—but what happens

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to the world when Vandal Savage and Etrigan the Demon gain control of the Holy Grail?

In *John Layman & Scot Eaton's* ***Detective Comics #21,*** Harper Row joins Batman on a case that leads all the way back to ***Detective #0***... but will The Dark Knight be willing to accept her help?

Open-Window Man tells the tale of a world of living graffiti that's on the verge of erasure in ***Dial H #13*** by *China Mieville, Alberto Ponticelli, & Dan Green.*

Captain Steel debuts in *James Robinson & Yildiray Cinar's* ***Earth 2 #13*** as the World Army sends the hero into the Fire Pits left over from the war with Apocalypse—but even Earth 2's newest hero isn't ready for what is hidden within the burning reminders of the conflict that killed Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman.

While on his path to finding the Speed Force Killer, Barry must contend with The Teen Titans in ***The Flash #21*** by *Francis Manapul & Brian Buccellato.* Plus, The Flash meets Kid Flash for the first time!

In *Jeff Lemire & Andrea Sorrentino's* ***Green Arrow #21,*** Ollie returns to the island where he first became Green Arrow and learns some hard truths about his father and the mysterious Outsiders!

In ***Green Lantern #21,*** the first issue by the new creative team of *Robert Venditti & Billy Tan,* Hal Jordan becomes the leader of the most feared and hated group in the universe: The Green Lantern Corps!

The new creative team of *Joshua Hale Fialkov & Bernard Chang* launch with nonstop action in ***Green Lantern Corps #21*** as the Green Lantern Corps faces attacks on Oa and Earth...and Guy Gardner is presented with a choice that could change the balance of power between the different Lantern Corps forever!

The Templar Guardians have been locked away for millennia, but they have a *very* clear idea of what they need to do next — and of all the Lanterns in the universe, they need Kyle Rayner's help. Unfortunately for them, he wants nothing to do with them! But a strange anomaly lurking at the edge of the universe may change his mind, as *Justin Jordan, Brad Walker, & Drew Hennessy* reveal in ***Green Lantern: New Guardians #21.***

The all-out assault on the Green Team by class-warrior Riot has some *very* unexpected consequences in ***The Green Team: Teen Trillionaires #2*** by *Art Baltazar & Franco,,* and no one's going to emerge unscathed!

The march to ***Trinity War*** continues in ***Justice League #21*** by *Geoff Johns & Gary Frank,* an extra-sized all-Shazam issue that concludes the origin saga. As Black Adam threatens to gain control of all magic, Billy Batson learns that in order to stop him, he'll need help from the unlikeliest of people. But what greater role awaits Shazam in the larger DC universe? And what does the Justice League have to do with it?

The JLA discovers what the Secret Society is ultimately after—and who they are—in ***Justice League of America #5*** by *Geoff Johns & David Finch.* But can Steve Trevor get this uncontrollable team under control before it's too late?

On the run from A.R.G.U.S., Vibe jumps into the crosshairs of the Suicide Squad in ***Justice League of America's Vibe #5*** by *Sterling Gates, Pete Woods, & Sean Parsons.*

Want to know how each team member is going to die? Dr. Destiny has all the gruesome answers in ***Justice League Dark #21*** by *Jeff Lemire, Ray Fawkes, & Mikel Janin.*

In ***Katana #5*** by *Ann Nocenti & Alex Sanchez,* Katana travels to Japan in search of the one person who can fix her sword, Soultaker—but first she must contend with one of the souls that escaped when the sword was shattered!

The breakout character from ***Blackest Night,*** last seen in the pages of ***Threshold,*** goes solo in ***Larfleeze #1***—and he's not sharing the spotlight with anyone! In his debut solo adventure, Larfleeze meets Lord of the Hunt, a pan-dimensional cosmic entity that believes all living things are prey—and he's out to turn the universe into his own private hunting reserve!

The Legion is overwhelmed and on the edge of defeat at the hands of the fully formed Fatal Five in ***Legion of Super-Heroes #21*** by *Paul Levitz & Jeff Johnson*...is there any hope left?

The unrest in Coral City heats up in ***The Movement #2*** by *Gail Simone & Freddie Williams II* as citizens clash with the police. Which side stands to gain when super powered protesters enter the fray?

Desperate to find a ghost from his past, Nightwing turns to The Prankster for help in *Kyle Higgins & Brett Booth's* ***Nightwing #21,*** unaware that they are both targets of The Mask Killer.

It's recruitment time in ***Red Lanterns #21*** by *Joshua Hale Fialkov & Alessandro Vitti* and no one in the universe is safe...especially with the most volatile Green Lantern, Guy Gardner, suddenly in their corner! But why has Guy turned his back on his own Corps?

While searching for the truth about the Kollective, the team runs straight into the arms of Lobo in ***Stormwatch #21*** by *Jim Starlin, Yvel Guichet, & Jonas Trindade.*

The Suicide Squad takes over Belle Reve in ***Suicide Squad #21*** by *Ales Kot & Patrick Zircher.* When the team decides they've had enough of Amanda Waller's manipulations, they turn the tables on their boss. But Waller still has a few tricks up her sleeve—or more accurately, a bomb in everyone's neck!

Krypto comes to the rescue in ***Superboy #21*** by *Justin Jordan, RB Silva, & Rob Lean* as Superboy is on the trail of Dr. Psycho and the new, mysterious H.I.V.E that has infested Metropolis.

It's Supergirl vs. the mysterious Mekka in *Michael Alan Nelson & Mahmud Asrar's*

Supergirl #21—but what is the secret of this new menace? And what is Lex Luthor's envoy Alphina planning against Kara?

Witness the horror of Hector Hammond as Metropolis burns in ***Superman #21*** by *Scott Lobdell & Aaron Kuder.* What happens when a city is taken over by a nightmare?

The long-awaited *Scott Snyder-Jim Lee* Superman project finally debuts in June with the release of ***Superman Unchained #1.*** Each issue will also feature a backup story by *Dustin Nguyen.* In the first issue, thirteen satellites fall from the sky in one day, and the logical suspect is Lex Luthor—even though he's still locked up in prison! But a stranger question remains: If Superman didn't stop the last satellite from falling, who did? There's a mystery hidden where even Superman can't see it; can The Man of Steel drag a decades-old secret into the light? This debut issue also includes a bonus two-sided, tipped-in poster measuring 11.6875" x 18.875" that is part of the reading experience and can be easily removed for display!

Who is Capucine, and what is the Sanctuary of the Green Leaves? Mysteries plague Swamp Thing as he rushes to find the answers to these questions and finds much more than he expected in ***Swamp Thing #21*** by *Charles Soule & Kano.*

In the aftermath of his encounter with Strix and the Birds of Prey, Calvin is sent on his deadliest mission yet in *James Tynion IV & Miguel Sepulveda's* ***Talon #9:*** retrieve one man from the deadliest island on Earth, Santa Prisca, the home of Bane!

Something is very wrong with Red Robin...and he's about to prove it in ***Teen Titans #21*** by *Scott Lobdell, Eddy Barrows, &*

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Eber Ferreira. Can the rest of the Titans stop this tragedy? Or is it already too late?

The Hunted head toward a confrontation with The Shepard and his flock of Sun-Eaters in ***Threshold #6*** by *Keith Giffen, Tom Raney, & Phil Winslade*. And in the backup story by *Keith Giffen, Timothy Green II, & Joseph Silver*, Star Hawkins is assigned to find the so-called "Legend"—the first-ever Hunted contestant, who most folks believe is still out there...somewhere.

The mysterious woman connected to the creation of the New 52 moves out of the shadows and into the spotlight in ***Trinity of Sin: Pandora #1,*** a lead-in to the upcoming ***Trinity War,*** brought to you by *Ray Fawkes, Daniel Sampere, & Jonathan Glapion*. Pandora is on an action-packed, blood-soaked mission to hunt down the horrors she inadvertently unleashed upon the world. Can she save the DCU—and redeem herself in the process?

The Phantom Stranger travels to Hell to save his family in the re-titled ***Trinity of Sin: Phantom Stranger #9*** by *JM DeMatteis & Fernando Blanco*. But to do so, he must defeat a foe he never expected to see again!

Wonder Woman's already reeling from the battle of a lifetime. How can she possibly withstand an all-out attack from her eldest brother, the deadly First Born? Find out in ***Wonder Woman #21*** by *Brian Azzarello & Cliff Chiang*.

As DeSaad's Hellhound hunts Power Girl and Huntress in ***Worlds' Finest #13*** by *Paul Levitz, Kobson Kocha, & Wayne Faucher*, the duo must struggle with how far underground they'll have to go before they can turn the tide and take the fight back to the man who's been impersonating the missing Mr. Terrific.

Michael Avon Oeming, Joelle Jones, Giuseppe Camuncoli, & Sal Buscema contribute to the Superman canon in ***Adventure of Superman #2.***

Power Girl and Green Lantern battle Star Sapphire in ***Ame-Comi Girls #4,*** while The Atom goes inside Supergirl's brain to remove the last vestige of Brainiac! Plus: Prepare for the origin and coming of...Sinestra!

Felicity makes a new "friend," while Arrow encounters a threat unlike anything he's ever faced before in ***Arrow #8*** by *Marc Guggenheim, Andrew Kreisberg,* & others. Plus, don't miss Deadshot's shocking return in this must-read issue!

Kurt Busiek & Brent Anderson invite readers to visit ***Astro City*** once again as they launch the long-requested ongoing series featuring the return of favorites like Samaritan and Honor Guard, along with the debut of some new sensations!

Dustin Nguyen & Derek Fridolfs present another pair of holiday-themed tales—this time set on Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year—in ***Batman: Li'l Gotham #3.***

Batman recovers from a devastating tragedy with only Catwoman at his side, and then goes underground to start developing the resistance against Superman's new world order in ***Injustice: Gods Among Us #6***—but The Man of Steel is about to take the battle to the next level.

Reunited with Supergirl, Clark must find a way to keep the peace between EarthGov, the Legion, and all of...New Krypton?! Plus, Booster Gold and Skeets struggle to find their place in a world that doesn't want—or need—their help in ***Smallville Season 11 #14*** by *Bryan Q. Miller & Daniel HDR*.

The Cataclysm rips through Azeroth in ***World of Warcraft: Bloodsworn,*** an original graphic novel by *Doug Wagner, Jheremy Raapack,* and others, as Warchief Garrosh Hellscream orders the best warriors of the Horde to come forward and serve in a new army, lest their foes in the Alliance sense weakness and attack.

Mad Magazine has poked fun at Superman almost every time he's made a silver screen appearance, and the extra-sized ***Mad Presents Superman*** collects those spoofs in a single magazine-sized special.

DC collected editions (advance solicited for July and August release) include:

- ***Absolute Luthor/Joker HC,*** an oversized slipcased volume collecting two hardcovers, one featuring ***Luthor: Man of Steel*** and the other featuring the OGN ***Joker,*** both by *Brian Azzarello & Lee Bermejo,* along with sketchbook pages and more.
- ***Batman: Arkham Unhinged Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Arkham Unhinged #s 6-10.***
- ***Batman: The Dark Knight—Night Terrors TP,*** collecting ***Batman: The Dark Knight #s 1-9.***
- ***Batman Illustrated by Neal Adams Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Batman #s 232, 234, 237, 243-245, & 251.***
- ***Camelot 3000 TP,*** collecting the acclaimed series by *Mike W. Barr & Brian Bolland.*
- ***Diablo: Sword of Justice TP,*** collecting the five-issue videogame-inspired miniseries.
- ***The Flash Volume 2: Rogues Revolution HC,*** collecting ***Flash #s 0, 9-12, & Annual #1.***
- ***Green Lantern Corps Volume 1: Fearsome TP,*** collecting ***Green Lantern Corps #s 1-7.***
- ***Green Lantern: New Guardians Volume 1—The Ring Bearer TP,*** collecting ***Green Lantern: New Guardians #s 1-7.***
- ***He-Man and the Masters of the Universe Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Masters of the Universe #s 1-6*** and more.
- ***Justice League Dark Volume 2: The Books of Magic TP,*** collecting ***Justice League Dark #s 0, 7-13, & Annual #1.***
- ***Nightwing Volume 2: Night of the Owls TP,*** collecting ***Nightwing #s 8-12 & 0.***
- ***Showcase Presents: DC Comics Presents Superman Team-Ups Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***DC Comics Presents #s 27-50 & Annual #1.***
- ***The Silver Age Teen Titans Archives Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Teen Titans #s 6-20*** and ***Brave & Bold #83.***
- ***Supergirl Volume 2: Girl in the World TP,*** collecting ***Supergirl #s 0 & 8-12.***
- ***Superman: Phantom Zone TP,*** collecting ***Phantom Zone #s 1-4 & DC Comics Presents #97.***
- ***Team 7 Volume 1: Fight Fire With Fire TP,*** collecting ***Team 7 #s 0-7.***

Coming Comics—Vertigo/DC in June

Brian Azzarello & Eduardo Risso invite readers to return to the world of ***100 Bullets*** in the new eight-part miniseries ***100 Bullets: Brother Lono.*** When last we saw Lono, Dizzy Cordova had shot him through the chest...but Lono always was too tough to die. Now Lono finds himself in Mexico, working on the side of the angels. But there's always more to a ***100 Bullets*** story...

Scott Snyder & Rafael Albuquerque reintroduce readers to Travis Kidd, the vampire hunter who likes to "bite them back," in ***American Vampire: The Long Road to Hell #1.*** It begins with two young lovers, a stolen car and the open road. But these young lovers are newly turned vampires trying to fight the bloodsucking urge inside them. To make matters worse, they've got a pack of angry vampires on their tails—plus bad-ass vamp-killer Travis Kidd.

Barry Kitson signs on as guest artist for ***Fables #130,*** illustrating *Bill Willingham's* standalone tale of June Bug.

Vertigo celebrates fifty issues of ***Unwritten*** with an extra-length issue by *Mike Carey, Peter Gross, & Mark Buckingham* that kicks off "The Unwritten Fables," a five-issue storyline that drags Tom Taylor into the heart of a world he never made from the pages of Vertigo's hit series ***Fables.***

Vertigo collected editions (advance solicited for July and August release) include:

- ***Beware the Creeper TP,*** collecting the five-issue miniseries.
- ***Black Orchid TP,*** collecting the three-part *Neil Gaiman-Dave McKean* miniseries.
- ***Fables Deluxe Edition Book 7 HC,*** collecting ***Fables #s 52-59 & 64.***
- ***Fairest Volume 2: The Hidden Kingdom,*** collecting ***Fairest #s 8-14.***
- ***Saga of the Swamp Thing Book 4 TP,*** collecting ***Swamp Thing #s 43-50.***
- ***The Sandman Omnibus Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Sandman #s 1-37 & Special #1,*** the first half of *Neil Gaiman's* fantasy classic.

Coming in August from DC Collectibles

DC's line of ***Injustice: Gods Among Us Action Figure*** two-packs gets a double feature in August: ***Aquaman Vs. Black Adam*** and ***Nightwing Vs. Superman.***

DC Comics—The New 52 Action Figures add three offerings in August: ***Martian Manhunter*** and a pair of two-packs: ***The Flash Vs. Vibe*** and ***Wonder Woman Vs. Katana.***

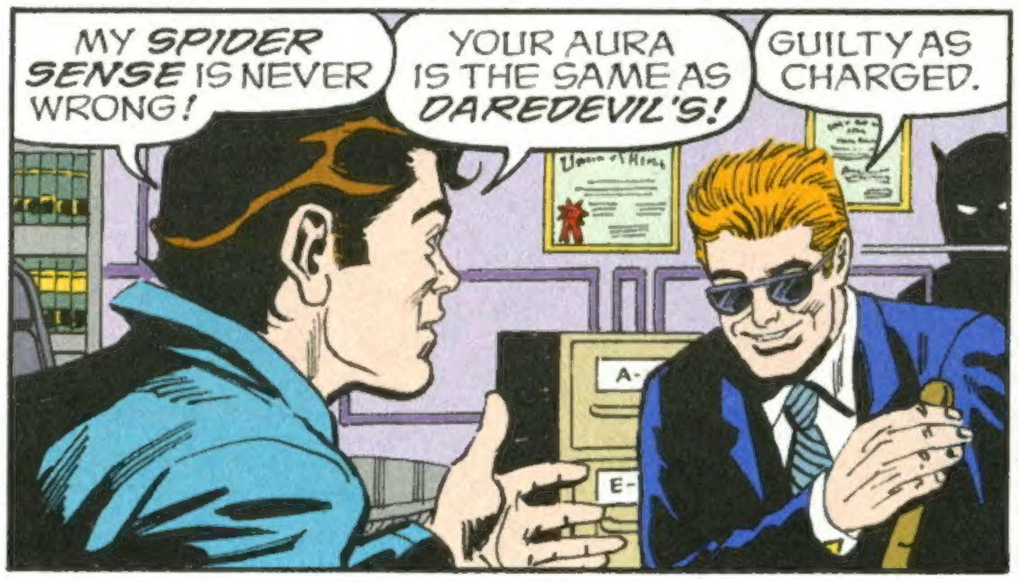
The long-out-of-print ***Vertigo: Sandman & Death Bookends*** return this summer in a new production runt hat features a new paint deco.

The power battery line continues with the ***1:1 Scale Yellow Lantern Power Battery and Ring Prop Replica,*** which lights up when the ring is brought into contact with the battery.

DC Comics Cover Girls: Batgirl is the first in a line of statues designed for DC by acclaimed artist *Stanley "Artgerm" Lau.*

Fan-favorite artist *Sean Murphy* is the artistic inspiration for the ***Batman Black & White Statue by Sean Murphy,*** which captures Batman in mid-motion as he springs into action.

Rafael Grampa's art is the inspiration for the ***Batman Statue by Rafael Grampa,***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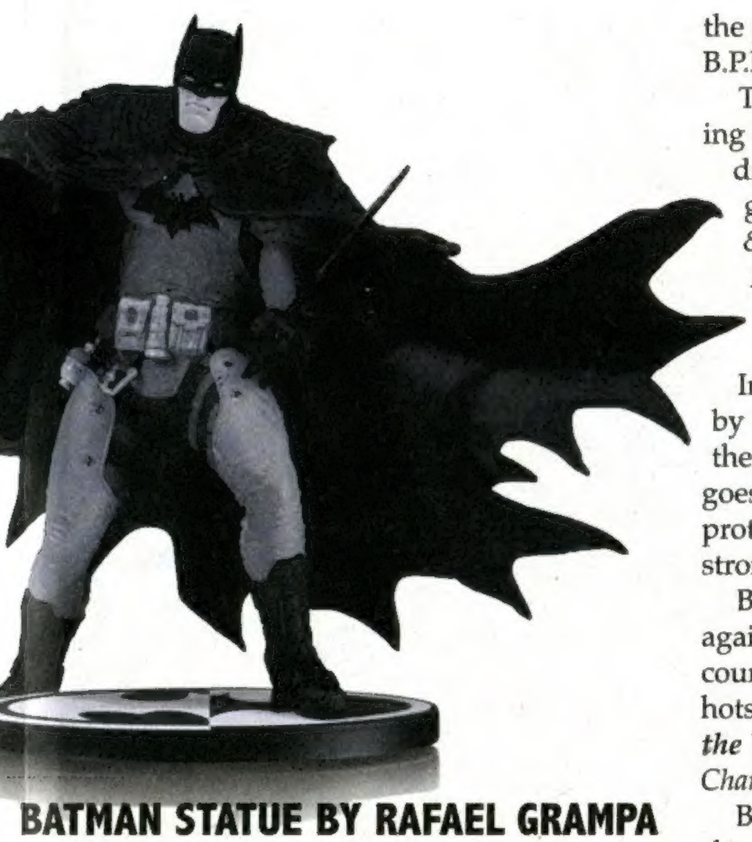


BATMAN STATUE BY RAFAEL GRAMPA

sculpted by *Jean St. Jean.*

Batman's oldest ally and original Robin stands on his own in the ***Batman: Arkham City Nightwing Statue,*** sculpted by *Amos Hemsley.*

The Man of Steel bursts out of the pages of ***Justice League*** ready for battle in ***Superman: The Man of Steel by Jim Lee Statue,*** sculpted by *Jack Mathews.*

From the pages of ***Action Comics*** comes the ***Superman: Man of Steel by Rags Morales Statue,*** sculpted by *Mat Brouillard.*

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in June

In *Mike Mignola, Scott allie, & Sebastian Fiumara's* ***Abe Sapien #3,*** a town cut off from the world by rampaging monsters must decide if the strange fishman in their midst signals salvation, or the end of days.

Preventing Pearl, Nash, and Whistler from releasing their magical virus proves quite difficult for Angel and Faith in ***Angel & Faith #23*** by *Christos Gage & Rebekah Isaacs.* But that was before Nadira entered the picture; could this hate-filled Slayer lend a helpful hand or will she use this opportunity to end Angel for good?

A spreading contagion in the Chicago wastelands turns the residents of the Windy City into vicious monsters in ***BPRD: Hell on Earth #108*** by *Mike Mignola, John Arcudi, & Laurence Campbell.* Will these creatures and the giant bat-faced monsters stop the B.P.R.D. from saving their missing agents?

The sadistic Judge Duvic, last seen serving God's vengeance on women and children, nearly has Lord Baltimore in his grasp in *Mike Mignola, Christopher Golden, & Ben Stenbeck's* ***Baltimore: The Inquisitor...*** but first he has to face Baltimore's last few friends in this doomed, war-torn world.

In ***Breath of Bones: A Tale of the Golem #1*** by *Steve Niles, Matt Santoro, & Dave Wachter,* the giant clay monster from Jewish legend goes on a Nazi-killing rampage in order to protect the inhabitants of a small Jewish stronghold and an injured British pilot.

Buffy, Xander, and Willow must fight against all odds to get past the mystical council and gain entry to the magical hotspot known as the Deeper Well in ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer Season 9 #22*** by *Andrew Chambliss, Georges Jeanty, & Dexter Vines.*

Buffy alert: There's a Billy the vampire slayer solo tale in ***Dark Horse Presents #25,*** courtesy of *Jane Espenson.* This issue also includes a time-travel story from Eisner Award–winning writer *Matt Fraction;* a *Mike Richardson* adaptation of *Andrew Vachss'* ***Undergound;*** an installment of *The Chapel Chronicles* by fifteen-year-old *Emma T Capps;* plus new installments of ***Trekker, Blackout, Nexus, Crime Does Not Pay, Brain Boy, King's Road,*** and ***Bloodhound!***

David Gaider, the lead writer of BioWare's hit ***Dragon Age*** games, concludes King Alistair's epic quest in ***Dragon Age Volume 3: Until We Sleep HC.***

Can struggling superheroine Empowered foil a mass carjacking by a group of animal-armored crimebots at the 21st annual Alternate Timeline Superhero Auto Show? Can one exceedingly flimsy "supersuit" overcome fourteen hostile tons of heavy metal? Find out in ***Empowered Special #4: Animal Style,*** a new oneshot by *Adam Warren.*

Having lost his kingdom, Conan's only hope for survival is a mysterious, enamored harem girl named Zenobia. In an underground dungeon filled with slavering horrors, Conan and his future queen must fight for their lives in ***King Conan: Hour of the Dragon #2,*** *Tim Truman & Tomas Giorello's* adaptation of *Robert E. Howard's* Conan novel.

With The Massive's trail gone dead, the Kapital is forced to respond to a different crisis, one very close to home, in ***The Massive #13*** by *Brian Wood & Garry Brown,* the start of a new story arc. Navigating the thawed Canadian polar ice into the turbulent northern Atlantic, the crew arrives at the most infamous post-Crash disaster zone: New York City.

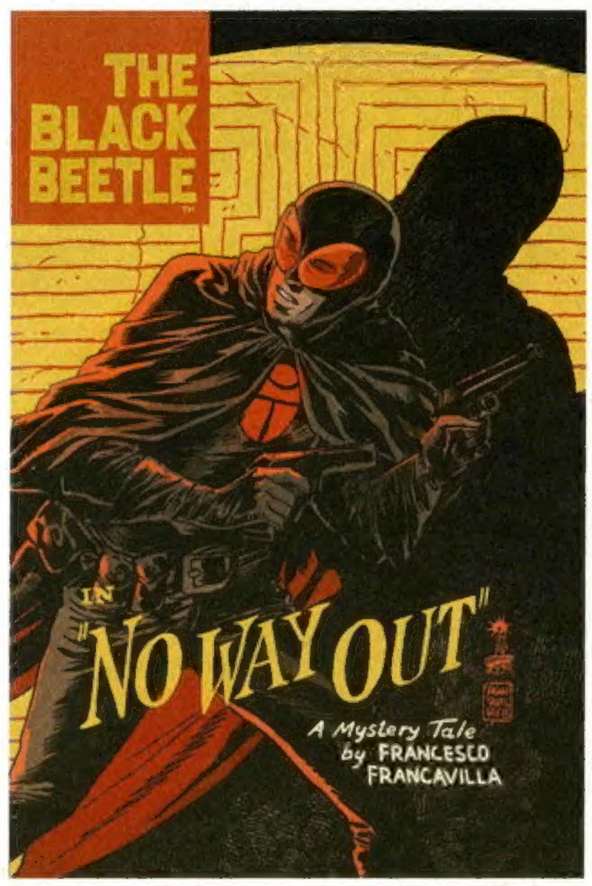
When he and Chewbacca are cornered by Imperials, Han Solo resorts to an improvised plan—with the most dangerous results imaginable—in ***Star Wars #6*** by *Brian Wood & Carlos D'Anda.* Meanwhile, half a galaxy away, Princess Leia and Wedge Antilles prepare for certain death, unaware that Luke Skywalker has an improvisation of his own. And Darth Vader is watching...

Years ago, the Killjoys fought against the tyrannical megacorporation Better Living Industries, costing them their lives, save for one—the mysterious Girl. Today, the followers of the original Killjoys languish in the Desert while BLI systematically strips citizens of their individuality. As the fight for freedom fades, it's left to the Girl to take up the mantle and bring down the fearsome BLI or else join the mindless ranks of Bat City in ***The True Lives of the Fabulous Killjoys #1*** by acclaimed musician and writer *Gerard Way* with *Shaun Simon & Becky Cloonan.*

The world's most famous SF fan, gets his very own sculpture with the September release of the ***Forrest J. "Forry" Ackerman Statue.***

Dark Horse collected editions (advance solicited for July & August release) include:

- ***BPRD: Hell on Earth Volume 6—The Return of the Master TP,*** collecting the five-issue limited series.
- ***Battlepug Volume 2: This Savage Bone HC,*** collecting more installments of the webcomic by *Mike Norton & Allen Passalaqua.*



- ***The Black Beetle Volume 1: No Way Out HC,*** collecting the miniseries plus the zero issue oneshot.
- ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Willow—Wonderland TP,*** collecting the five-issue miniseries.

- ***Captain Midnight #0,*** collecting three tales from ***Dark Horse Presents.***
- ***Creepy Presents Steve Ditko HC,*** a 128-page volume creating the stunning and moody tales that Ditko produced for ***Creepy*** and ***Eerie*** in the mid-1960s.
- ***Crime Does Not Pay Archives Volume 5 HC,*** collecting ***Crime Does Not Pay #s 38-41.***
- ***Ex Sanguine TP,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.
- ***Lone Wolf & Cub Omnibus Volume 2 TP,*** featuring more tan 700 pages of Lone Wolf drama in a larger 5x7 trim size.
- ***Nexus Omnibus Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Nexus V2 #s 26-39.***
- ***Number 13 TP,*** collecting ***Number 13 #s 0-13.***
- ***Sacrifice HC,*** collecting *Sam Humphries'* independently-published ***Sacrifice #s 1-6.***
- ***The Savage Sword of Conan Volume 14 TP,*** collecting ***Savage Sword of Conan #s 141-150.***
- ***Star Wars Omnibus: Knights of the Old Republic TP,*** collecting ***Knights of the Old Republic #s 0-18.***
- ***Trekker Omnibus TP,*** collecting *Ron Randall's* SF adventure saga, complete with more than sixty pages of brand-new material.

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I COULD TELL THAT YOUR HEART'S RHYTHMS ARE THE SAME AS SPIDER-MAN'S.
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Coming Comics—IDW in June

James O'Barr & Antoine Dodé chronicle a retired Detroit cop's quest for revenge in ***The Crow: Curare #1.***

In the wake of the climactic conclusion of ***Godzilla #13*** comes the new series ***Godzilla: Rulers of Earth*** by *Chris Mowry & Matt Frank.* Dozens of new monsters have risen from the depth and are staking out their own territory, regardless of humanity's political borders! A war of dominance beings... will Godzilla end up on top? First he'll have to beat a new upstart... Zilla!

Joe Hill, Jason Ciaramella, & Vic Malhotra reveal how a woman's past sins continue to haunt her in ***Joe Hill's Thumbprint #1.*** Private Mallory Grennan had done terrible things as an Abu Ghraib prison worker. After being discharged from the army, Mal thought she was leaving her sins behind to start a new life back home. But some things can't be left behind -- some things don't *want* to be left behind...

Think nothing ever happens to upset the status quo in ***Judge Dredd?*** Well, *Duane Swierczynski* is about to prove that you're wrong with the conclusion to "The Long Fair" in ***Judge Dredd #8***—a conclusion that IDW promises will bring major changes to Dredd and Mega-City One.

The final ***Kiss Solo*** issue turns the spotlight on ***The Catman.*** A malevolent would-be demi-god plans the bloody sacrifice of a beautiful virgin female to the dark forces of the universe, and it's up to the Catman to stop the sinister ceremony and save the girl!

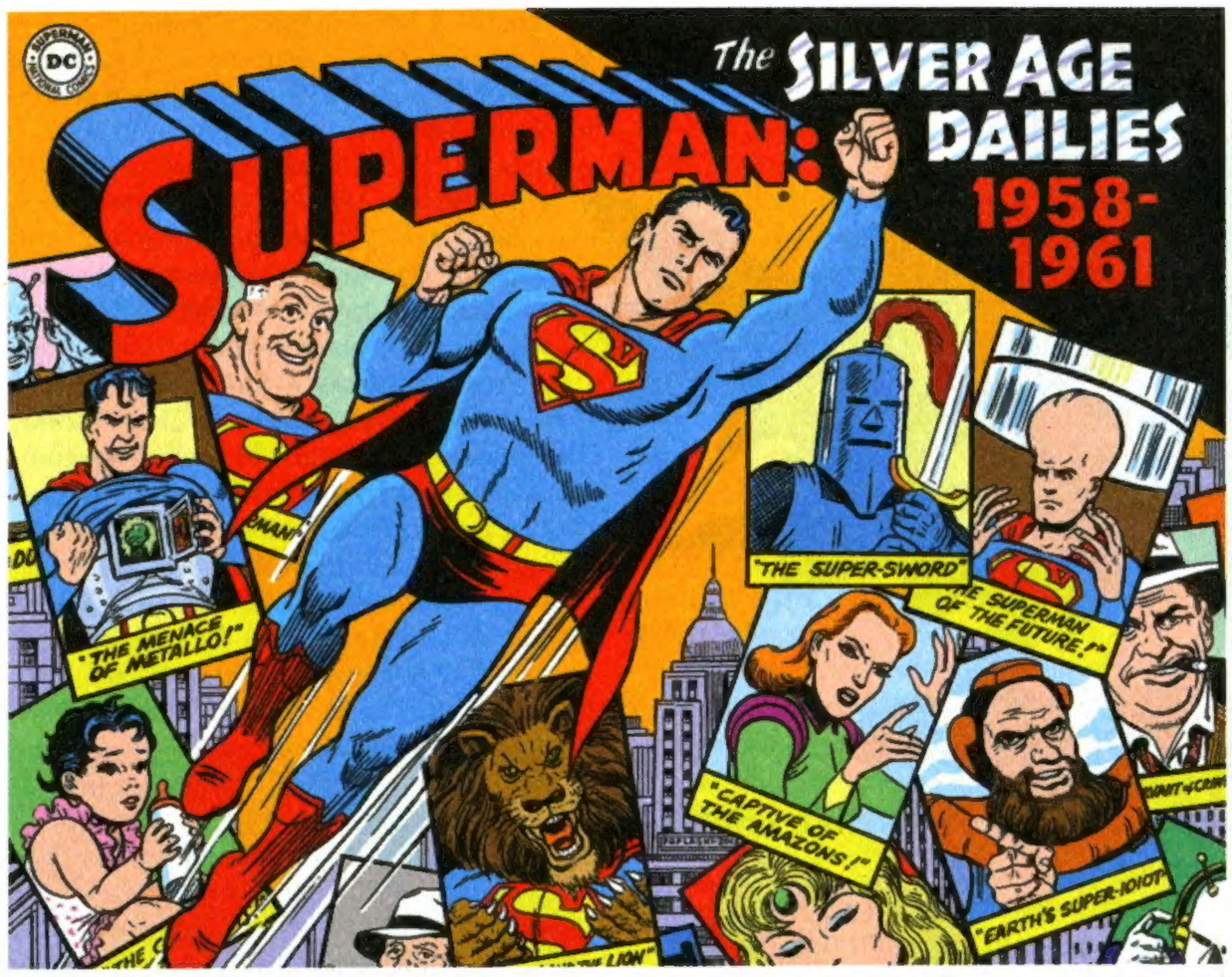
Grant Geissman takes a look at the remarkable career of one of EC's most acclaimed artists, writers, and editors in ***The Mad Life and Fantastic Art of Al Feldstein.***

Mars Attacks: Classics Obliterated offers a look at three classic tales of literary genius—***Moby Dick, Robinson Crusoe,*** and ***Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde***—filtered through the cracked lens of the ***Mars Attacks*** universe!

For the first time, the work of *Michael Wm. Kaluta* is presented in an oversized, massive retrospective that showcases his beautiful art. Many of the pieces in ***Michael Wm Kaluta: The Big Book HC*** will be scanned from Kaluta's original art to maximize the quality of printing. If you are a fan of Kaluta's work, or a lover of fine art, then this is the book for you!

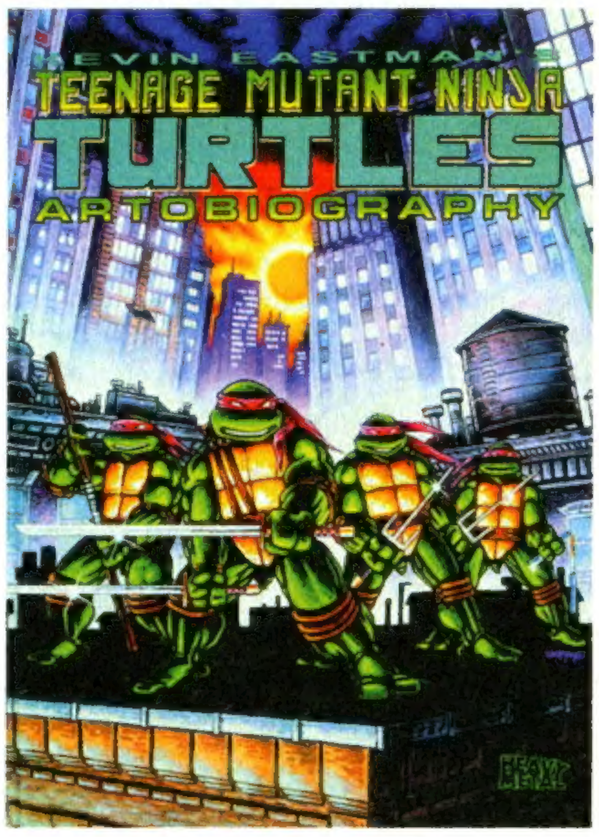
Get out those crayons to take full advantage of the giant-sized ***My Little Pony "Color Me" Treasury Edition,*** which includes all 48 original covers created for the first four issues of ***My Little Pony,*** along with the entire first issue of the series, in black and white.

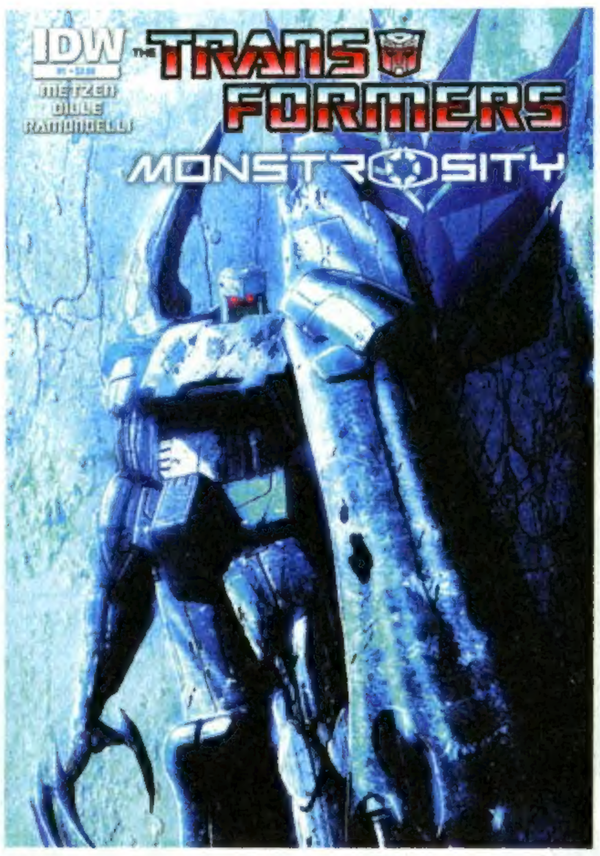
When the famous clown Ponyacci comes to Ponyville, Pinkie Pie learns a startling secret about him that could ruin his career in ***My Little Pony: Mane 6 Microseries #5—Pinkie Pie.***



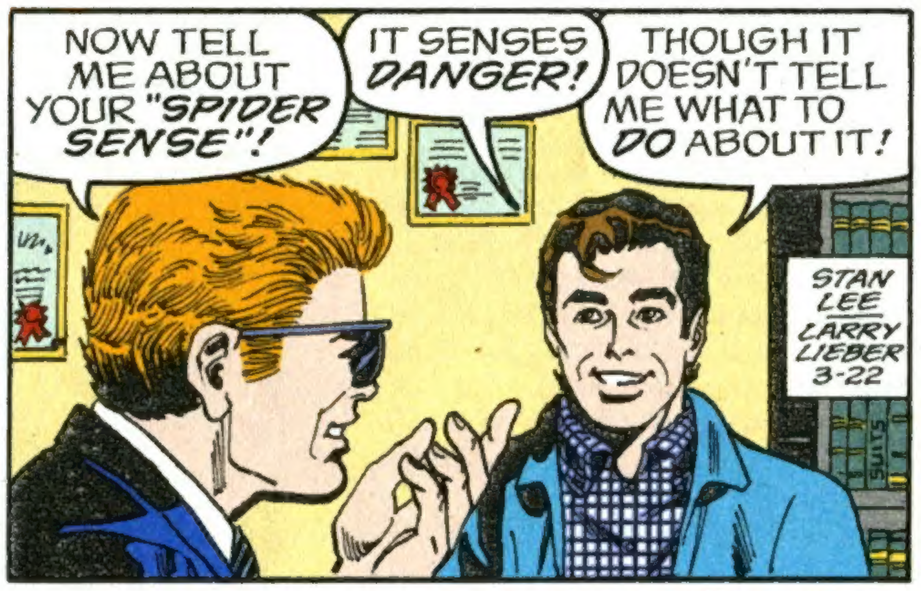
In partnership with DC Comics, IDW is offering rarely seen material by *Jerry Siegel, Curt Swan, Wayne Boring,* and others in ***Superman: The Silver Age Newspaper Dailies Volume 1—1958-1961 HC*** (Sundays will be released in a separate series of volumes). The book includes almost 800 strips originally published between December 15, 1958 and July 1, 1961.

TMNT co-creator *Kevin Eastman* guides you through a dazzlingly, in-depth look at the creation of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Artobiography HC.*** From the modest beginnings to the merchandising, pop culture juggernaut, this collection of concept art, comics pages, and insider–behind-the-scenes notes–has been "sold out" and hard to find for years. But now it's back in print for a new generation of fans to enjoy.





In the early days of the war on Cybertron, Optimus Prime puts everything on the line to unify the planet—but not everyone agrees that this new Prime should be in charge! Witness the conflict in ***Transformers: Monstrosity #1*** by *Chris Metzen, Flint Dille, & Livio Ramondelli.*



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Take to the skies in the thrilling new action-adventure SF series ***Wild Blue Yonder*** by *Mike Raicht, Austin Harrison, & Zach Howard* In the near future, mankind has destroyed the Earth, and the only refuge from radioactive pollution can be found in the skies. Unfortunately dwindling supplies and bloodthirsty air-pirates make life all the harder. Will the crew of the Dawn escape the merciless Judge and survive another week?

The diverse and distinctive art of *Sam Kieth* is spotlighted in the 256-page ***The Worlds of Sam Kieth Volume 1 HC.***

Scott Dunbier unleashes his production magic on one of the most stunning comics of the 1980s with the release of ***Mark Schultz's Xenozoic Tales Artist's Edition HC,*** a 144-page volume collecting ***Xenozoic Tales #s 9-14,*** the final six chapters that feature Schultz at the top of his game artistically. And of course, every page is scanned in full color to show every nuance of the blue-lines, pencils, corrections, etc. This is as close as most of us will ever come to owning a page of Schultz's art—or 144 of them, as the case may be!

Fox Mulder and Dana Scully are back in action in ***The X-Files Season 10 #1,*** brought to you by *Joe Harris & Michael Walsh* and continuing where the series left off. For years they investigated the paranormal, pursued the "monsters of the week," and sought the truth behind extraterrestrial activity, along with the grand conspiracy surrounding it rooted deep within their own government. But when Agents Mulder and Scully reunite, their investigations will take them (and readers) into a new era of technological paranoia, multinational concerns and otherworldly threats so ominous that it'll take more than a desire "to believe" to make it out alive. ***The X-Files: Season 10*** also sees creator *Chris Carter* return to the fold as Executive Producer!

IDW collected editions include:

- ***The Adventures of Augusta Wind HC,*** collecting the miniseries by *JM DeMatteis & Vassilis Gogtzilas.*
- ***Alan Robert's Killogy TP,*** collecting the horror miniseries.
- ***Archie: The Complete Daily Newspaper Comics 1960-1963 HC,*** collecting 800 *Bob Montana* strips from September 1960 through April 1963.
- ***The Complete Dick Tracy Volume 15 HC,***

collecting all daily and Sunday strips from 4/19/53 through 10/24/54.

- ***Berkeleyworks: The Art of Berkeley Breathed—From Bloom County and Beyond HC,*** a 304-page career-spanning retrospective that showcases Breathed's work from his earliest efforts to him most recent endeavors.
- ***Edison Rex TP,*** collecting the first six issues of the Monkeybrain series.
- ***GI Joe: Hearts and Minds TP,*** collecting *Max Brooks'* ***GI Joe*** tales, illustrated by *Howard Chaykin & Antonio Fuso.*
- ***GI Joe: The IDW Collection Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***GI Joe #s 7-12,*** three ***Origins*** issues, and more.
- ***Godzilla Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Godzilla #s 9-13.***
- ***Jack Cole's Deadly Horror HC,*** a 148-page volume featuring some of Cole's best horror tales from the 1950s.
- ***Jericho Season 4 TP,*** collecting the five-issue miniseries.
- ***Popeye Classics Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Popeye Classics #s 5-8.***
- ***Real Ghostbusters Omnibus Volume 2 TP,*** collecting NOW Comics' ***Real Ghostbusters #s 15-28.***
- ***Star Trek/Legion of Super-Heroes TP,*** collecting the IDW/DC crossover series.
- ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Secret History of the Foot Clan TP,*** collecting the miniseries.
- ***Transformers: The Movie Collection Volume 1 TP,*** collecting the ***Transformers*** prequel, the adaptation, and the sequel.
- ***Transformers 30th Anniversary Collection HC,*** collecting 320 pages of landmark comics that helped define the ***Transformers*** legacy.
- ***True Blood Volume 1: All Together Now TP,*** collecting the first ***True Blood*** story arc.
- ***World War Robot Deluxe HC,*** collecting both ***World War Robot*** volumes in one deluxe slipcased volume that also includes fifty pages of new material.
- ***X-Files Classics Volume 1 HC,*** a 224-page volume collecting Topps Comics' ***X-Files #s 1-9.***

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- ***Batman and Robin #18 2nd Printing*** (FEB138034), featuring a recolored version of the original cover, in stores 4/10.
- ***Batman Incorporated #8 3rd Printing*** (JAN138376), featuring a recolored version of the original cover, in stores 4/10.
- ***Detective Comics #18 2nd Printing*** (FEB138035), featuring a recolored version of the original cover, in stores 4/10.
- ***Ghostbusters #1 2nd Printing*** (FEB138000), in stores 4/24.
- ***Judge Dredd #1 2nd Printing*** (FEB138001), in stores 4/24.

- ***Nightwing #18 2nd Printing*** (FEB138036), featuring a recolored version of the original cover, in stores 4/10.
- ***Nowhere Men #4 2nd Printing*** (FEB138044), in stores 4/10.
- ***Peter Panzerfaust #10 2nd Printing*** (FEB138250), in stores 4/17.
- ***Red Hood & The Outlaws #18 2nd Printing*** (FEB138037), featuring a recolored version of the original cover, in stores 4/10.
- ***Star Trek: Countdown to Darkness #1 3rd Printing*** (FEB138002), in stores 4/24.
- ***Star Wars #1 4th Printing*** (FEB138161), in stores 4/17.
- ***TMNT Ongoing #18 2nd Printing*** (FEB138003), in stores 4/24.

- ***TMNT Ongoing #19 2nd Printing*** (FEB138004), in stores 4/24.
- ***TMNT: Secret of the Foot Clan #2 2nd Printing*** (FEB138005), in stores 4/24.
- ***TMNT: Secret of the Foot Clan #3 2nd Printing*** (FEB138006), in stores 4/24.
- ***Transformers Spotlight: Megatron One-Shot 2nd Printing*** (FEB138007), in stores 4/24.

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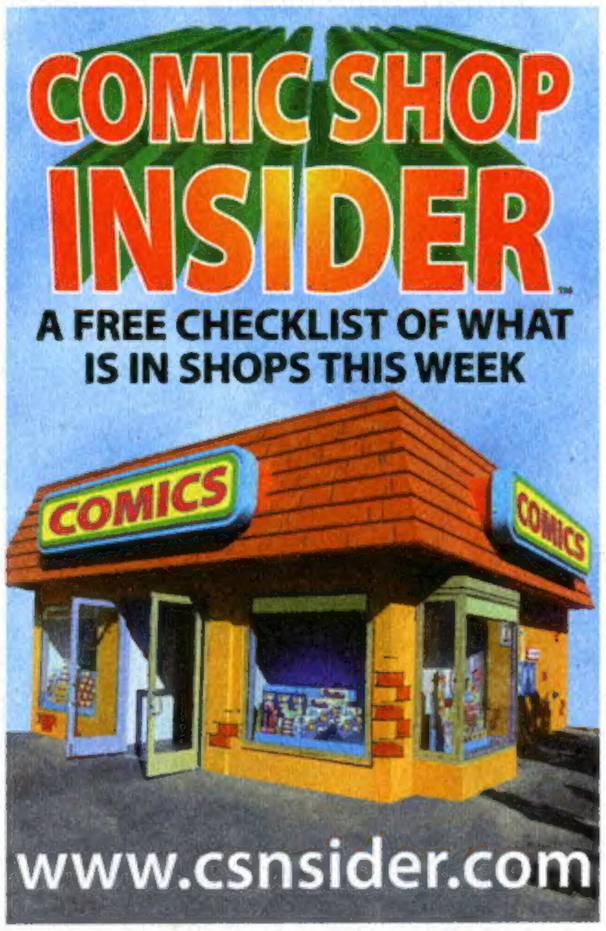

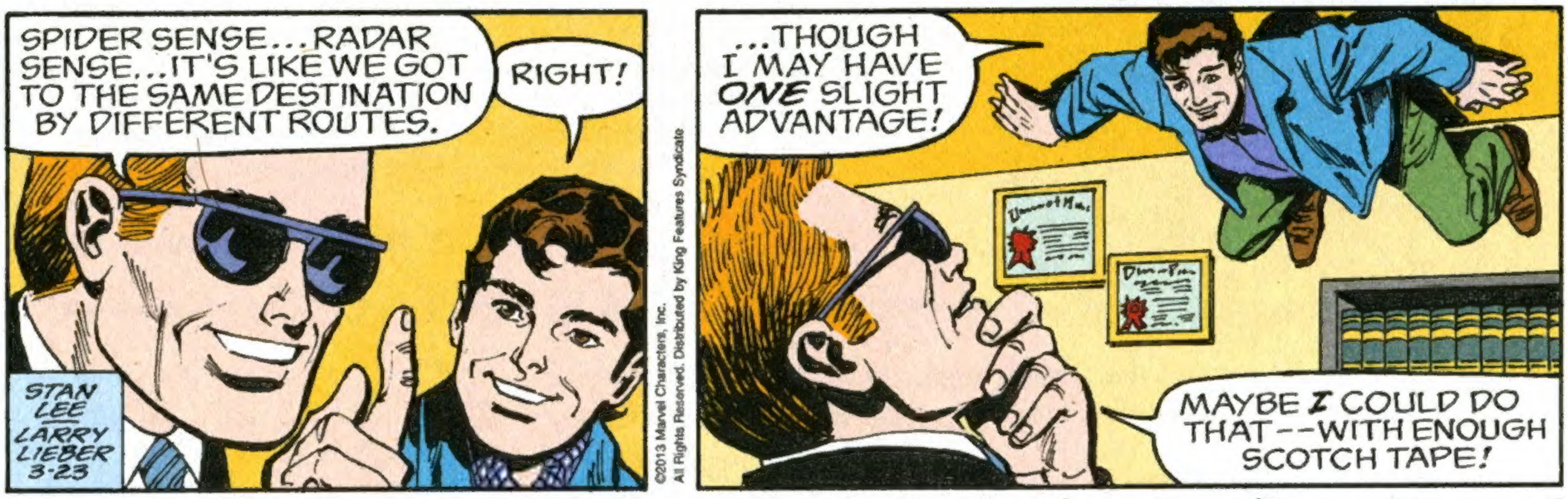
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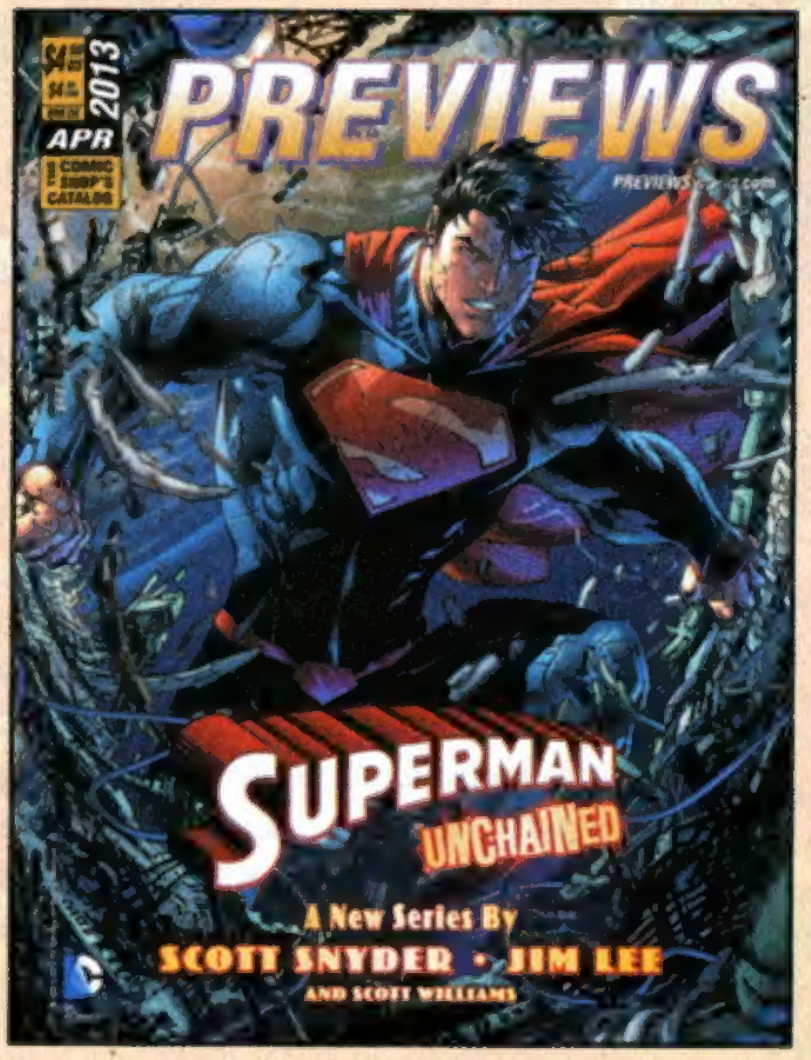

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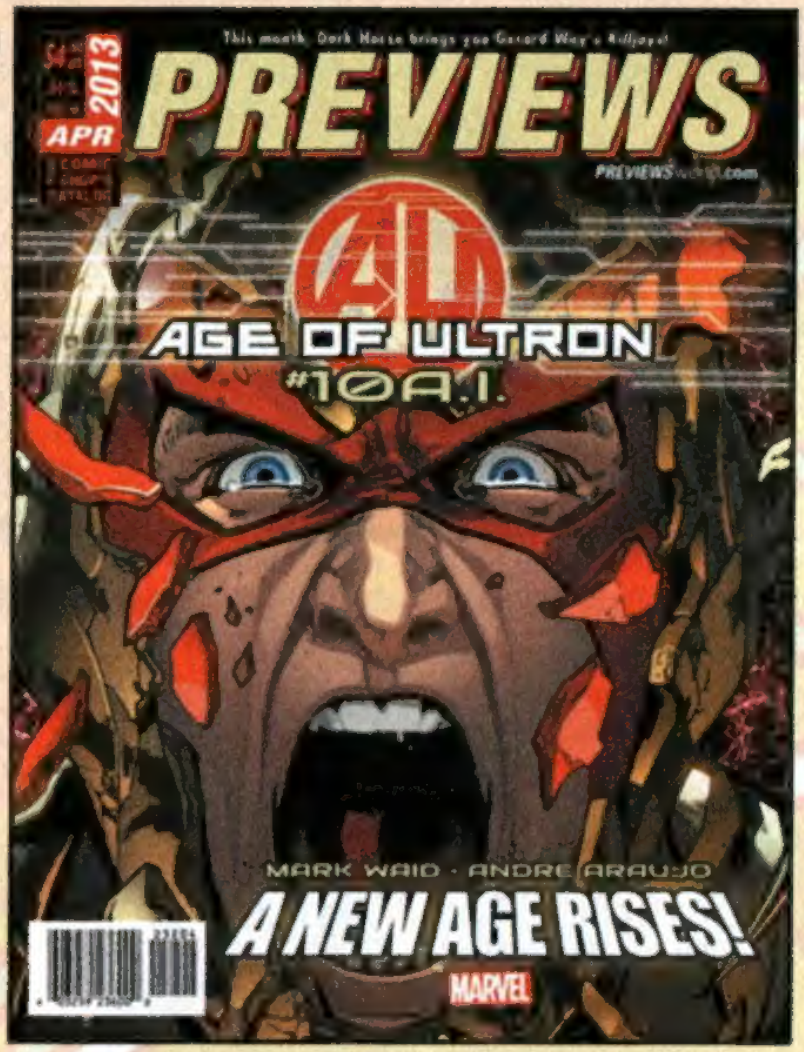

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